GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and guidelines of Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops approved by the Government recently;
(b) whether the programme has been meeting expected outcomes in the States where the programme is being conducted on pilot basis and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there have been reports of errors and irregularities in claims processing of rubber growers in the State of Kerala; and,
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Department of Commerce has approved the pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) for protecting growers of plantation crops from the twin risks of yield loss due to adverse weather parameters, pest attacks etc and income loss caused by fall in international/domestic prices. RISPC will be implemented on a pilot basis for two years covering tea, coffee, rubber, cardamom and tobacco in nine districts in the States of West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu by the Commodity Boards. The rate of insurance premium payable by the Government of India (through Commodity Boards), State Government and Growers is in the ratio of 75:15:10. List of selected districts and area of operation is at Annexure.

(b) to (d) The outcome of pilot Scheme shall be reviewed after its completion. There have been no reports of errors and irregularities in claims processing of rubber growers in the State of Kerala.

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ANNEXURE
List of 9 Pilot Districts under RISPC
Crop State Pilot Districts No. of growers (having land holding upto 10 ha.) Area covered (ha.)
Rubber Kerala Palakkad 18000 15000
Kerala Kottayam 50000 25000
Total Rubber 68,000 40,000
Tea Tamil Nadu Coonoor (Nilgiris) 38311 27000
West Bengal Jalpaiguri 9000 8000
Assam Golaghat 10044 9224
Total Tea 57355 44224
Coffee (Robusta) Karnataka Chikmagalur
14853 25574
Coffee(Arabica) Karnataka Chikmagalur 45520
Total Coffee 71094
Tobacco Andhra Pradesh
West Godavari 11424 24406
Cardamom (small) Kerala Idukki 25000 28925
Cardamom (large) Sikkim East Sikkim 5200 6204
Total 181832 214853